

City of Coon Rapids
11155 Robinson Drive
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Case # 14-02V

Re: Jenifer Allen
9951 Palm St NW
Coon Rapids, MN 55433
PIN#: 25-31-24-22-0054

To whom it may concern;

I am submitting this objection in response to a citation that I received on ^{August 21, 2013} ~~September 3, 2013~~ which cited weeds in the yard. There are two reasons why I am objecting to this citation.

The first reason is because the plants were not weeds. I have a vegetable garden that I tend every year. In 2013, I began a Graduate program at the University of Minnesota. I knew that I would not have enough time to tend to my usual vegetable garden. So I planted an organic wheat garden (something I have been thinking about doing for some time). Since I am a novice at wheat gardening, the garden didn't look as "neat and polished" as it usually does.

The second reason that I am objecting to this citation is because I removed the wheat by the date listed on the citation. The citation stated that if the weeds were not removed by a specified date that I would incur a fine. The wheat was gone by the date specified. Initially, I intended to call the City of Coon Rapids and explain that these were not weeds but I was busy and did not get around to it. Instead, I found it easier to simply harvest the wheat (it was the end of the season anyway).

For these reasons I object to the citation. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jenifer Turner

\$300.

Case # 14-02V





Property Report

Report Date: 1/22/2014

PIN: 253124220054

CLOSED

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 9951 PALM ST

Work Order #30942

Weeds / Long Grass

Task Name	Projected Start	Actual Start	Assigned To	COMMENTS
Inspection 1		6/16/09	GAZELKA, MIKE	Posted Property. Grass/weeds 8"-14" high.
Inspection followup	6/22/09	6/23/09	GAZELKA, MIKE	Done

Work Order #52406

Weeds / Long Grass

CLOSED

Task Name	Projected Start	Actual Start	Assigned To	COMMENTS
CITATION ISSUED		5/22/13	GAZELKA, MIKE	Citation posted at property. GRASS ALONG CURB 7-12"
INFORMATION SENT		5/23/13	DRABCAZAK, LEYA	Courtesy letter sent.
CITATION REINSPECT	5/30/13	5/30/13	GAZELKA, MIKE	grass has been cut
COMPLIANCE		5/30/13	HINTZE, CINDY	

Files attached to this work order:

\\WorkOrder\52406\9951 palm st 05222013.pdf

Work Order #54434

Weeds / Long Grass

CLOSED

Task Name	Projected Start	Actual Start	Assigned To	COMMENTS
CITATION ISSUED		8/21/13	GAZELKA, MIKE	Citation posted at property. Weeds on side of yard along 100th Ave 8-48", buckthorn growing in weeds. SECOND POSTING OF THE SEASON. MINIMUM \$150 APPLIES. Previously posted 5/23/13.
INFORMATION SENT		8/21/13	HINTZE, CINDY	Courtesy letter sent.
CITATION REINSPECT		8/29/13	GAZELKA, MIKE	Grass not cut; abate.
ORDER ABATEMENT	8/29/13	8/29/13	HINTZE, CINDY	Emailed work order to Gregg Engle at Public Works to mow property.
CITATION FEE APPLIED		8/29/13	HINTZE, CINDY	\$300
INFORMATION		9/3/13	ENGLE, GREGG	Grass was cut prior to mowing crew's arrival.
COMMUNICATE W OWNER	1/13/14	1/13/14	DEGRANDE, KRISTIN	Owner Jennifer Turner 763-7 called regarding pending assessment. I returned call and left a vm.

FILE COPY



August 21, 2013

ALLEN JENIFER
9951 PALM ST NW
COON RAPIDS, MN 55433

Address: **9951 PALM ST**
COON RAPIDS, MN 55433

Administrative Citation: **#54434**

PIN: 253124220054

Your property in Coon Rapids was recently posted with an Administrative Citation for long grass. In the City of Coon Rapids, grass and/or weeds cannot be taller than 8" in height. Anoka County Property Records identifies you as the taxpayer/property owner of 9951 PALM ST, and for this reason, this letter is being sent to you to ensure you are aware of the long grass citation at your property.

If your property is mowed by 08/28/2013, the \$300 penalty will not be charged. If you have received more than one Administrative Citation for long grass this season, you will be charged a minimum of \$150, even if the property is mowed before the compliance date.

For more information, please refer to the citation posted at your property or call 763-951-7202.

Long Grass Inspector
763-951-7202



COON RAPIDS
Minnesota

City of Coon Rapids
11155 Robinson Drive
Coon Rapids, MN 55433
Tel: 763-787-6400
Fax: 763-787-6401
www.coonrapidsmn.gov

ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION
Long Grass & Weeds

Property Posted: _____

Owner/Occupant _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

9951 Farm St.

8-21-13 919

This citation was issued under Chapter 2-1100, AMN, the following violation of Coon Rapids City Code was found at above property address:

Compliance Date	Violation & Corrective Action	City Code Section & Summary	Penalty
8-28-13		8-502 & 8-503. Weeds and grass over eight (8) inches are a nuisance and must be mowed.	\$300.00

Did the above penalty, you must do one of the following:
 mow your grass on or before the Compliance Date noted above. You are responsible to mow the front, back and side yards, including any boulevard areas.
 Contact the inspector below to arrange a time extension for compliance. You must sign a time extension agreement on or before the Compliance Date noted above.
 Appeal the inspector's decision on or before the Compliance Date.

See the attached Administrative Citation Program brochure for the Notice of Appeal form, including instructions for filing a time extension, and additional information.

Note that if your property is not mowed by the Compliance Date listed above, \$300 will be charged to the taxes in the form of a Special Assessment and the City will mow your property. If a second or subsequent grass & weeds citation is issued within 180 days, even if you mow prior to the Compliance Date, a penalty of \$300 will be charged.

The age 60 or over and need assistance with maintaining your yard, ACCAP Chores & More is available. The City does minor home repairs, housekeeping and seasonal chores such as mowing. They are done at a nominal cost with donation with subsidy for those in need. Call 763-787-6521 to obtain help.

To view the full City Code online at www.coonrapidsmn.gov/citycode or you can obtain the City Code Section regarding lawn maintenance at Coon Rapids City Hall at 11155 Robinson Dr NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433.

If your property is often not in the office. If you would like to speak with, or schedule an appointment with, the inspector giving this citation, please call the number below.

PLEASE 3 WT WEEDS IN AREA ON SIDE OF YARD - 100% N.E. (ALONE)

INSUP
Inspector _____
7-7202







COON RAPIDS ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION Long Grass & Weeds

City of Coon Rapids
11155 Robinson Drive
Coon Rapids, MN 55433
Tel: 763-767-6521
www.coonrapids.org

Property Posted:

To: Owner/Occupant
Address: 9951 Park St.
Coon Rapids, MN

This is a citation issued under the City of Coon Rapids City Code Chapter 2.1100, Section 8-502 & 8-503, Weeds and grass over eight (8) inches are a nuisance and must be mowed.

Compliance Date	Violation & Corrective Action	Penalty
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To avoid the above penalty you must do one of the following:

1. Mow your grass on or before the Compliance Date noted above. You are responsible to mow the front, back and side yards, including any boulevard areas. You must sign a time extension form.
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Please note that if your property is not mowed by the Compliance Date listed above, \$300 will be charged to the property taxes in the form of a Special Assessment and the City will mow your property. If a second or subsequent violation occurs, the penalty will be \$500.

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Inspectors are often not in the office. If you would like to speak with, or schedule an appointment with, the inspector regarding this citation, please call the number below.

Long Grass Inspector
763-551-7202

PLEASE MOW WEEDS IN AREA 100% OF YARD- (CANE)

9951





Long Grass Abatement Order

Date Ordered: 8/29/2013

9951 PALM ST

PIN:253124220054

OWNER OCCUPIED

Work Order # 54434

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ABATE			
APPEAL SUBMITTED			
HEARING			
INFORMATION			

Abatement Notes

Staff: _____

Date: 9-3-13

Time: _____

Mowing crew
cut & bagged

Grass was mowed
prior to crew's arrival

Questions regarding mowing can be directed to Leya Drabczak 763-767-6420 or Kristin DeGrande 763-767-6517

DIAL 911 IF THREATENED OR NEED POLICE PROTECTION WHILE MOWING